

A map of Iraq and surrounding regions, with Iraq highlighted in yellow. The map shows the Persian Gulf to the east and the Mediterranean Sea to the north. The title "Iraq Weekly Status Report" is centered over the yellow area of Iraq.

Iraq Weekly Status Report

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2. Transition Iraq to Security Self-Reliance

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5. Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy

USAID's Agriculture Reconstruction and Development Initiative (ARDI) has been working with the Ministries of Agriculture and Water Resources to help reduce drainage and soil salinity problems. Four pilot areas of 100-500 hectares will assist with water management practices and improve farmers' agricultural production and incomes.

6. Help Iraq Strengthen the Rule of Law

Forensic experts unearthing the skeletons of Saddam Hussein's alleged victims have found an unexpected wealth of identification cards in mass graves. The discovery of the ID cards has been a pivotal development in a new case against Saddam - the 1980s military campaign that killed an estimated 100,000 Kurds.

7. Increase International Support for Iraq

United Nations (UN) Secretary-General Kofi Annan agreed to help Iraq obtain political and financial support. Also, UN Special Representative Ashraf Qazi pledged support for Prime Minister Maliki's initiative to seek national reconciliation as a means to address sectarian issues and reduce the influence of militias.

8. Strengthen Public Understanding of Coalition Efforts and Public Isolation of the Insurgents

Speaking in a press conference June 25 to address the National Reconciliation and Dialogue Project, US Ambassador to Iraq Zalmay Khalilzad congratulated Prime Minister Maliki on the national reconciliation plan, pledged US support, and said that the reconciliation initiative had the support of "all of Iraq's major communities."



[1.] Defeat the Terrorists and Neutralize the Insurgency

Insurgent Groups Reportedly Seeking Negotiations with Iraqi Government:

- Iraqi officials report that several Sunni-led insurgent groups have approached the Iraqi government to start negotiations, following the Prime Minister's announcement of a national reconciliation plan June 25.

Coalition Raids Capture and Kill Terrorists:

- Coalition Forces (CF) detained more than a dozen terrorists and killed several others in separate raids throughout Iraq June 24 and 25.
 - East of Ramadi, CF detained 11 suspected terrorists while targeting two al Qaida in Iraq (AQI) foreign terrorist facilitators.
 - Intelligence resulting from the killing of Zarqawi led CF to a target in southern Baghdad, where they killed one terrorist and detained five others June 25.
 - On June 24, CF killed two terrorists and detained another during a raid north of Yusifiyah, while targeting a foreign terrorist facilitator and AQI associate.



[1.] Defeat the Terrorists and Neutralize the Insurgency

Multi-National Forces in Iraq (MNF-I) Commander Identifies Four Complexities:

- MNF-I Commander identified four complexities to the Iraqi security environment:
 - Al Qaida in Iraq was weakened as a result of killing Zarqawi, though the group is still operational and will continue to conduct attacks in Iraq.
 - The continuing presence and influence of illegal armed groups. These groups must be dealt with through a combination of political influence and security forces. The Iraqi government is showing an increased desire to take on this challenge.
 - Part of the Sunni insurgency is potentially reaching out and looking for ways to reevaluate their options to send their “resistance against occupation” with honor. The Iraqi government and MNF-I are exploring these opportunities.
 - The Iranians, through covert special operations forces, are providing weapons, improvised explosive device technology and training to Shia extremist groups in Iraq. They are using surrogates to conduct terrorist operations in Iraq against both Coalition Forces and the Iraqi people.

Russia Confirmed Deaths of Four Diplomats:

- On June 26, a day after the Mujahideen Shura Council made an announcement on an internet video, Russia confirmed the deaths of four of its diplomats who were taken hostage June 3.



[2.] Transition Iraq to Security Self-Reliance – Iraqi Security Forces

9th Iraqi Army Division Takes Lead for Taji Area:

- The 9th Iraqi Army (IA) Division (DIV) assumed responsibility for an area consisting of more than 615 square kilometers in the vicinity of Taji in the northern Baghdad region June 19 from the 1st Brigade of the US 4th Infantry Division.
 - The 9th IA DIV is the second Iraqi division to take the lead in the Multinational Division–Baghdad (MND-B) area of responsibility.
 - Currently, eight IA brigades and 23 IA battalions have assumed the lead throughout MND-B's area of operations.

Muthanna Province to Transition to Iraqi Control:

- The Iraqi government announced that Muthanna will be the first Iraqi province (outside the Kurdish area) to transition to provincial Iraqi control within the next few weeks.

Progress Continues with the Iraqi Army:

- As of June 22 there are three Iraqi divisions, 18 Iraqi brigades and 69 Iraqi battalions that are operating in the lead across Iraq; compared to six months ago when there was one division, four brigades and only 23 battalions in the lead.



[2.] Transition Iraq to Security Self-Reliance – Iraqi Security Forces

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ministry of Interior Forces

COMPONENT	TRAINED & EQUIPPED
POLICE	~107,000
HIGHWAY PATROL	
OTHER MOI FORCES	~45,300
TOTAL	~152,300*

Ministry of Defense Forces

COMPONENT	OPERATIONAL
ARMY	~114,700***
AIR FORCE	~600
NAVY	~800
TOTAL	~116,100**

Total Trained & Equipped ISF:

~268,400****

* Ministry of Interior Forces: Unauthorized absence personnel are included in these numbers

** Ministry of Defense Forces: Unauthorized absence personnel are not included in these numbers

*** Army numbers include Special Operations Forces and Support Forces

**** Does not include the approximately 144,000 Facilities Protection Service personnel working in 27 ministries

Data as of June 26, 2006 (updated bi-weekly by DOD)



[3.] Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government– **Developments**

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Maliki Unveils National Reconciliation Initiative:

- On June 25, Prime Minister (PM) Nuri al Maliki presented a “National Reconciliation and Dialogue Project” to the Council of Representatives. PM Maliki’s initiative is a step toward open dialogue and reduction of sectarian tensions and violence in Iraq. It proposes a pardon for detainees who were not involved in terrorist acts, war crimes, or crimes against humanity; reconsideration of the implementation of deBaathification; taking measures to improve services; developing professional Iraqi Security Forces, which would eventually allow for the withdrawal of MNF-I; and developing political and economic solutions to the problem of militias. Although the initiative does not mention an amnesty for insurgents, PM Maliki has addressed this subject publicly, affirming that any amnesty program will not distinguish between actions taken against Iraqi and international forces/citizens.



[3.] Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government - Iraqi National Unity Government

		Deputy President Tariq al-Hashimi	President Jalal Talabani	Deputy President 'Adil 'Abd al-Mahdi	
		Deputy Prime Minister Barham Salih	Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki	Deputy Prime Minister Salam al-Zawba'i	
Minister of Agriculture Ya'rub Nathim	Minister of Communications Muhammad Tawfiq Allawi	Minister of Culture As'ad Kamal Muhammad Abdallah al-Hashimi	Minister of Defense Abdul Qadir Muhammed Jasim	Minister of Displacement & Migration Abd al-Samad Rahman Sultan	Minister of Electricity Karim Wahid
Minister of Education Khudayyir al-Khuza'i	Minister of Environment Narmin 'Uthman (F)	Minister of Finance Bayan Jabr	Minister of Foreign Affairs Hoshyar Zebari	Minister of Health Ali al-Shammari	Minister of Higher Education Abd Dhiyab al-Ajili
Minister of Human Rights Wijdan Mikha'il (F)	Minister of Industry & Minerals Fawzi al-Hariri	Minister of Interior Jawad al-Bolani	Minister of Justice Hashim al-Shibli	Minister of Housing & Construction Bayan Daza'l (F)	Minister of Labor & Social Affairs Mahmud Muhammad Jawad al-Radi
Minister of Oil Husayn al-Shahrastani	Minister of Planning Ali Baban	Minister of Trade Abd al-Falah al-Sudani	Minister of Science & Technology Ra'id Fahmi Jahid	Minister of Municipalities & Public Works Riyad Ghurayyib	Minister of Transportation Karim Mahdi Salih
Minister of Water Resources 'Abd al-Latif Rashid	Minister of Youth & Sports Jasim Muhammad Ja'far	Minister of State for Civil Society Adil al-Asadi	Minister of State for National Dialogue Affairs Akram al-Hakim	Minister of State for National Security Affairs Shirwan al-Waili	
Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Rafi Hiyad al-Isawi	Minister of State for Governorates Affairs Sa'd Tahir Abd Khalaf al-Hashimi	Minister of State for Tourism and Antiquities Liwa Sumaysim	Minister of State for Women's Affairs Fatin Abd al-Rahman Mahmud (F)	Minister of State for CoR Affairs Safa al-Safi	

(F) = Female



[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Financials from Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund (IRRF) 1 and IRRF 2

(Millions of USD)

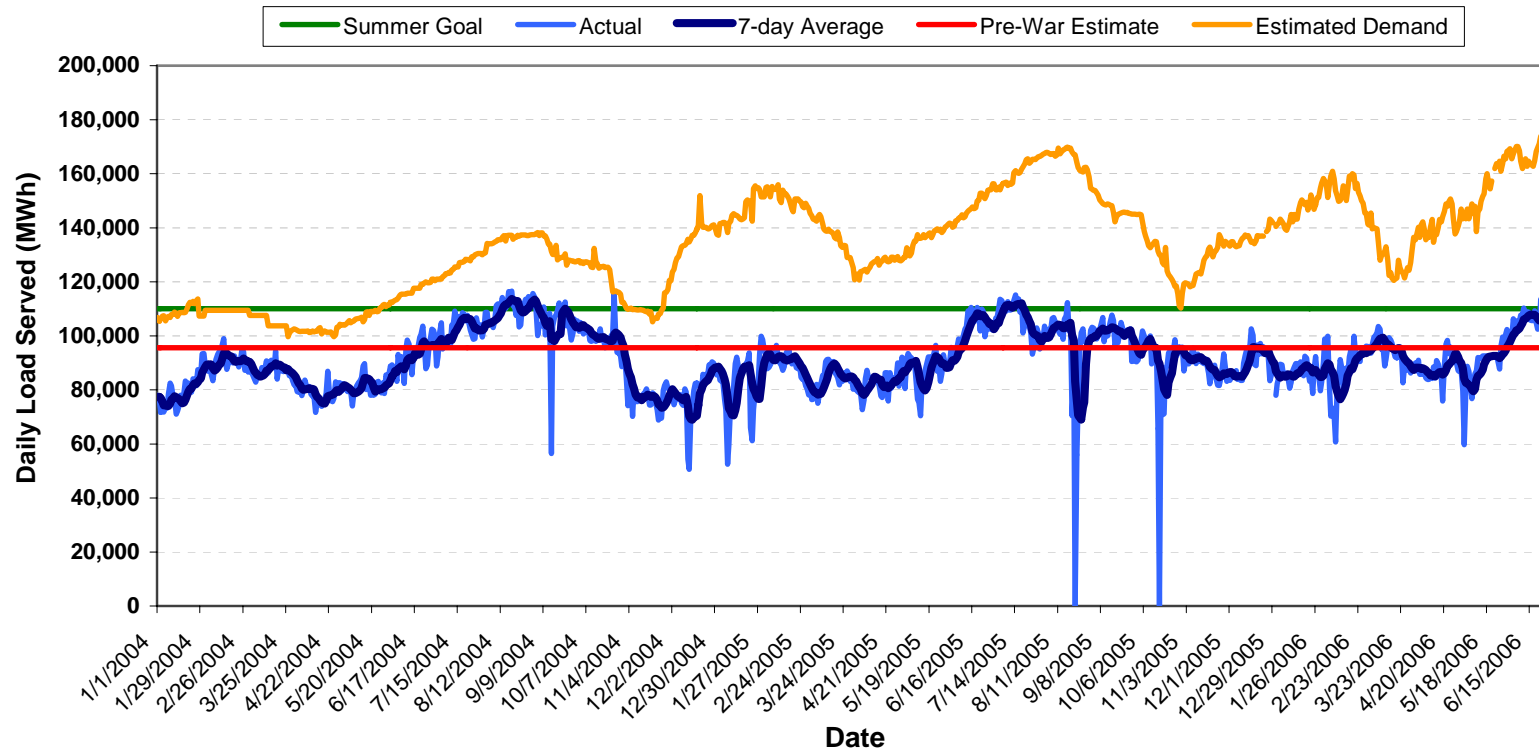
Sector	Apportioned	Committed		Obligated		Disbursed	
	Apportion	Last Week	Current	Last Week	Current	Last Week	Current
Security and Law Enforcement	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$2.00	\$2.00
Electricity Sector	\$837.65	\$829.65	\$829.65	\$829.65	\$829.65	\$642.47	\$653.23
Oil Infrastructure	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Justice, Public Safety and Civil Society	\$24.95	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$19.28	\$19.29
Democracy	\$937.00	\$902.14	\$902.21	\$902.15	\$902.15	\$733.63	\$739.62
Education, Refugees, Human Rights, Governance	\$176.59	\$171.57	\$176.57	\$171.56	\$171.56	\$121.37	\$121.39
Roads, Bridges and Construction	\$22.30	\$22.30	\$22.30	\$22.30	\$22.30	\$21.38	\$21.38
Health Care	\$85.00	\$85.00	\$85.00	\$85.00	\$85.00	\$41.98	\$42.92
Transportation and Communications	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$35.73	\$40.72
Water Resources and Sanitation	\$418.85	\$388.89	\$388.89	\$388.89	\$388.89	\$301.25	\$302.98
Private Sector Development	\$396.50	\$396.41	\$396.41	\$396.41	\$396.41	\$268.83	\$268.90
Admin Expense (USAID, STATE)	\$29.00	\$28.44	\$28.44	\$28.44	\$28.44	\$28.44	\$28.44
Total	\$3,029.83	\$2,946.39	\$2,951.45	\$2,946.39	\$2,946.39	\$2,216.34	\$2,240.86
CONSTRUCTION	\$1,376.50	\$1,338.54	\$1,338.54	\$1,338.54	\$1,338.54	\$1,010.53	\$1,028.95
NON-CONSTRUCTION	\$716.34	\$705.70	\$710.70	\$705.69	\$705.69	\$472.19	\$472.29
DEMOCRACY	\$937.00	\$902.14	\$902.21	\$902.15	\$902.15	\$733.63	\$739.62
Total	\$3,029.83	\$2,946.39	\$2,951.45	\$2,946.39	\$2,946.39	\$2,216.34	\$2,240.86

As of June 27, 2006



[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Electricity Overview

Daily Electricity Supplied and Estimated Demand in Iraq Since January 2004



- Electricity availability in Baghdad averaged 8.1 hours per day in the last week (June 20-26). Nationwide average electricity availability was 12.1 hours per day.
- Electricity output during the reporting period was two percent higher than the same period in 2005.



[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – **Water and Sanitation**

Water:

- In early June, a US Agency for International Development (USAID) partner completed the rehabilitation of a water distribution system in one district of Kirkuk governorate. Before the USAID-supported intervention, the 25,000 district residents relied on an outdated system that supplied water only five hours per day through pipes made of toxic materials. In addition, a lack of maintenance had led to extensive corrosion that resulted in significant leakage and contamination. Soil particles were easily visible in water coming from household taps.
- Commissioning of the Baladrooz water supply project – the second largest water project constructed by the US government in Iraq – commenced June 8 and is currently underway. The project consists of a new 6,000 cubic meter per hour water treatment plant, a 20,000 cubic meter storage tank at Dawajin, and a 31 kilometer transmission line to deliver potable water from the water treatment plant to the storage tank. The project should serve about 333,000 Iraqis at a standard level of service. The total IRRF-funded construction cost is \$192 million and commissioning is scheduled for completion at the end of July.

Sanitation:

- Construction was completed on two compact water units in Nisan and Rusafa in Baghdad Province. The \$218,000 US Army funded project was completed June 9. The units treat raw water, which reduces the transmission of water-borne disease and creates a healthier living environment for approximately 150,000 area residents.



[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – **Education**

Education:

- USAID and Iraqi partners are working to complete the Education Management Information System (EMIS). USAID implementing partners are working closely with ministry officials to establish requirements and create an EMIS prototype. Essential equipment for the project has already been ordered. Once completed, EMIS will serve as an invaluable management tool for the Ministry of Education, enabling nationwide monitoring and planning related to facilities, human resources, enrollment, student performance, and other information.



[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – **Electricity and Communications**

Electricity:

- Construction was completed on the al Mansuriyah 11 kilovolt feeder in al Mansuriyah, Diyala Province. The \$58,000 US Army funded project was completed June 22. The project installed almost two kilometers of 11 kilovolt electrical lines to increase the electrical capacity and potential power connections to surrounding homes and businesses.

Communications:

- Construction began on the renovation of the Basra Post Office Facility in Basra Province. The \$24,000 US Army funded project, which began June 13, will replace all bathroom, electrical, and mechanical fixtures. The construction will also refurbish all rooms, windows, and doors.



[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Oil Update and Job Creation

Oil Update:

- Crude oil prices in world markets for the week ending June 23 closed with the following prices:
 - Basra Light at \$59.62/barrel
 - WTI Cushing at \$69.83/barrel
 - Dated Brent at \$69.83/barrel
 - Oman/Dubai at \$64.07/barrel

Employment Update:

- The following chart shows the number of Iraqis employed by USG-administered projects:

Employing Organization	Iraqis Last Week	Iraqis This Week	%Increase on Week
PCO (Project and Contracting Office)	28,150	28,150	0.00%
USAID	31,651	31,651	0.00%
AIRP (Accelerated Iraqi Reconstruction Program)	695	695	0.00%
MILCON (Military Construction)	370	370	0.00%
CERP*	9,802	9,802	0.00%
MNSTC-I	8,035	7,560	-5.91%
IRRF NON-CONSTRUCTION	15,505	15,505	0.00%
GRAND TOTAL	94,208	93,733	-0.50%

* CERP employment numbers are representative of Baghdad only.

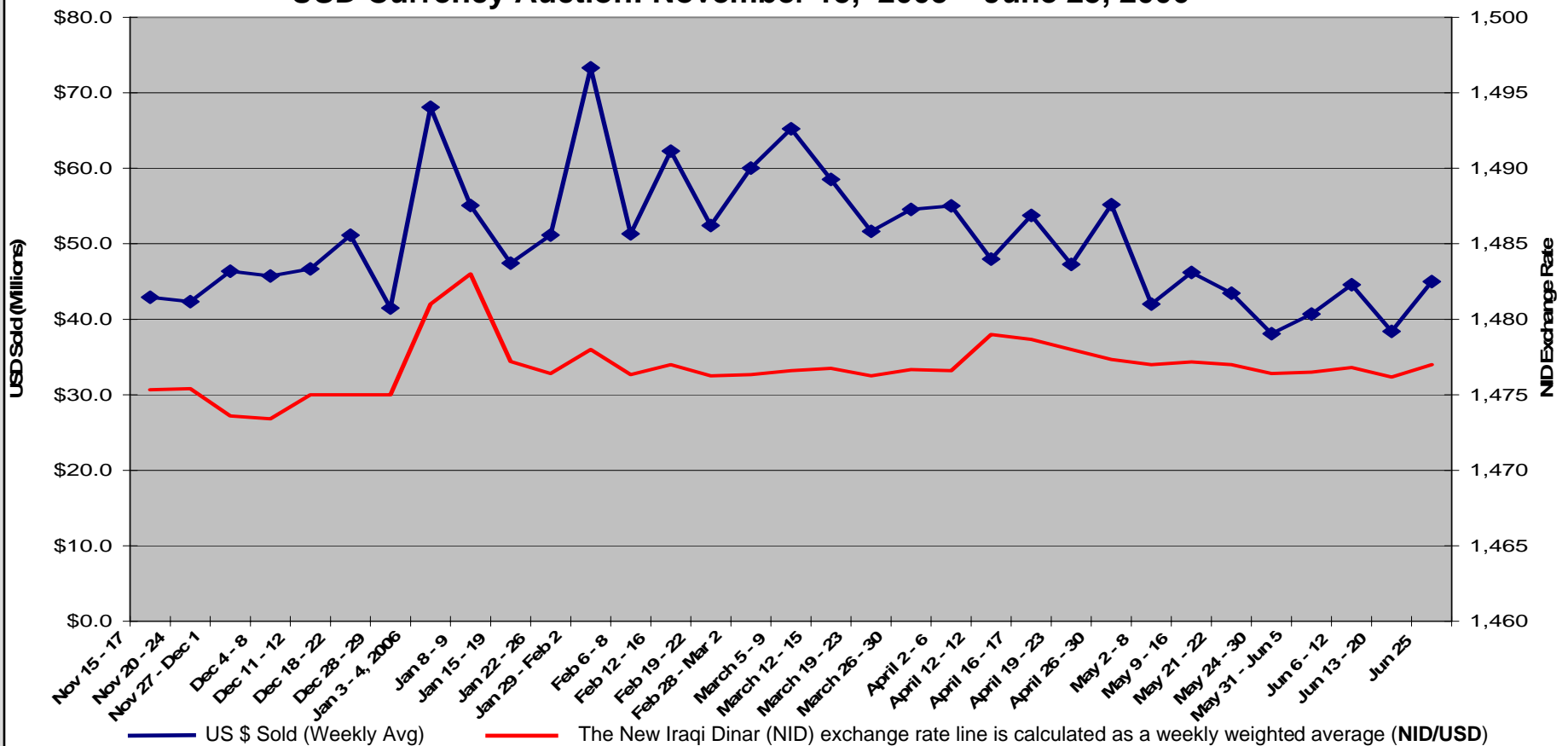


[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy - Banking Sector

Central Bank's US Dollar (USD) Currency Auction:

- The following table shows volume sold and exchange rates for USD in the Iraqi currency auction since November 15, 2005. The dinar remained stable against the dollar this week, ending at 1,477 dinars per USD June 25.

Central Bank of Iraq
USD Currency Auction: November 15, 2005 – June 25, 2006



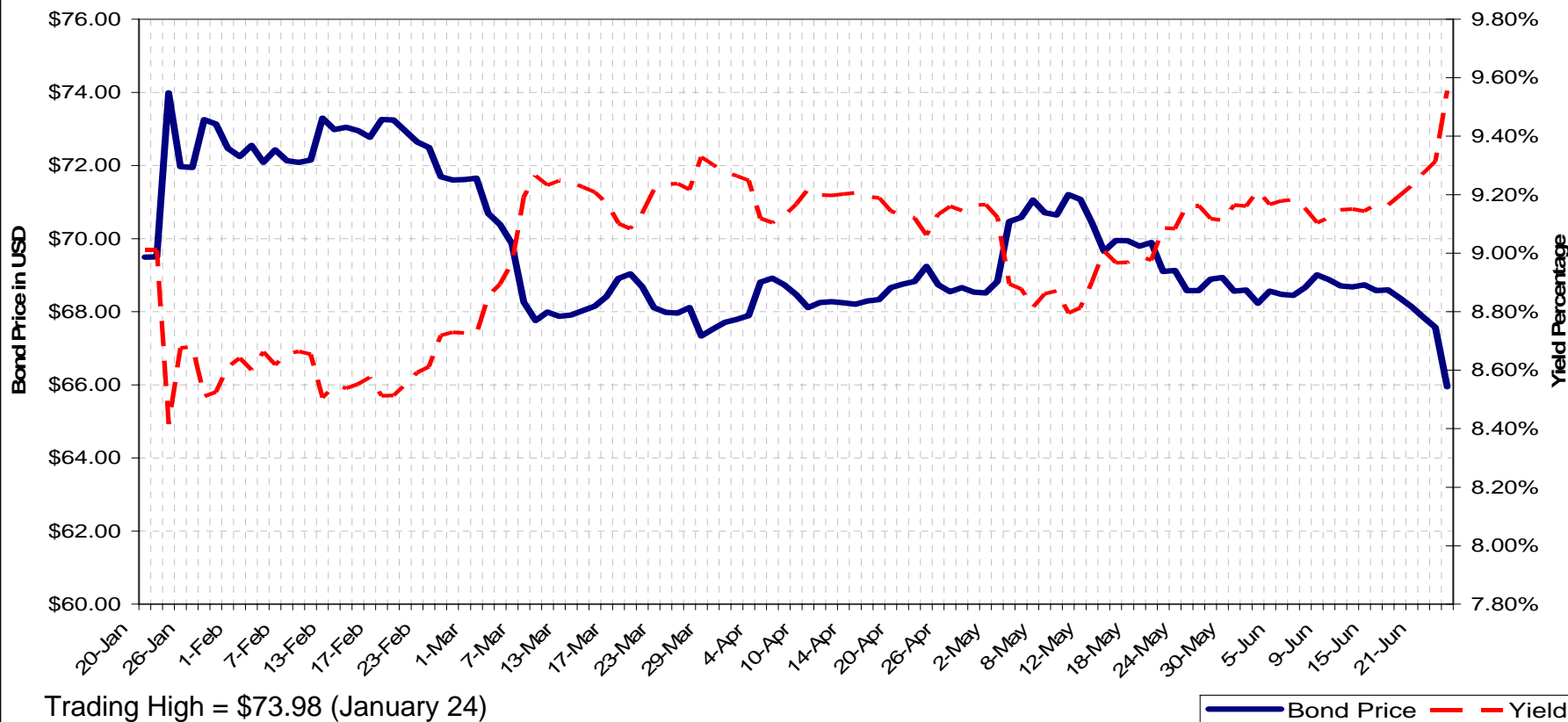


[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Securities Markets

Trading of Iraqi Bonds on the International Secondary Bond Market:

- The following table shows the daily bond resale price and yield on Iraqi bonds issued January 20. The bonds were originally issued to about two-thirds of Iraq's commercial creditors as part of a debt exchange arrangement at Paris Club terms. Iraq's commercial debt was approximately \$22 billion before the debt-swap arrangement. The bonds, which are not yet rated, will mature in 2028. The bonds' current yield of 9.56 percent remains one of the highest in the world for sovereign debt instruments.

Iraqi Commercial Bond Sales
January 20, 2006 - June 23, 2006





[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – **Market Economy Transition**

Antipoverty Committee:

- With USAID support, the Government of Iraq has recently established an Antipoverty Committee to support social welfare programs in Iraq. The Antipoverty Committee will track, study, and provide rapid reports to the Deputy Prime Minister and Director of Economic Affairs on the market changes and the effects of economic reforms on the poor. In order to address the complex nature of economic reform in Iraq, the Antipoverty Committee brings together experts and representatives from key ministries including Planning and Development Cooperation, Finance, Trade, and Oil, as well as the Central Organization for Statistics and Information Technology. Working with the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs, the Antipoverty Committee will help create a consistent government policy for an evidence-based Social Safety Net program.

Agriculture:

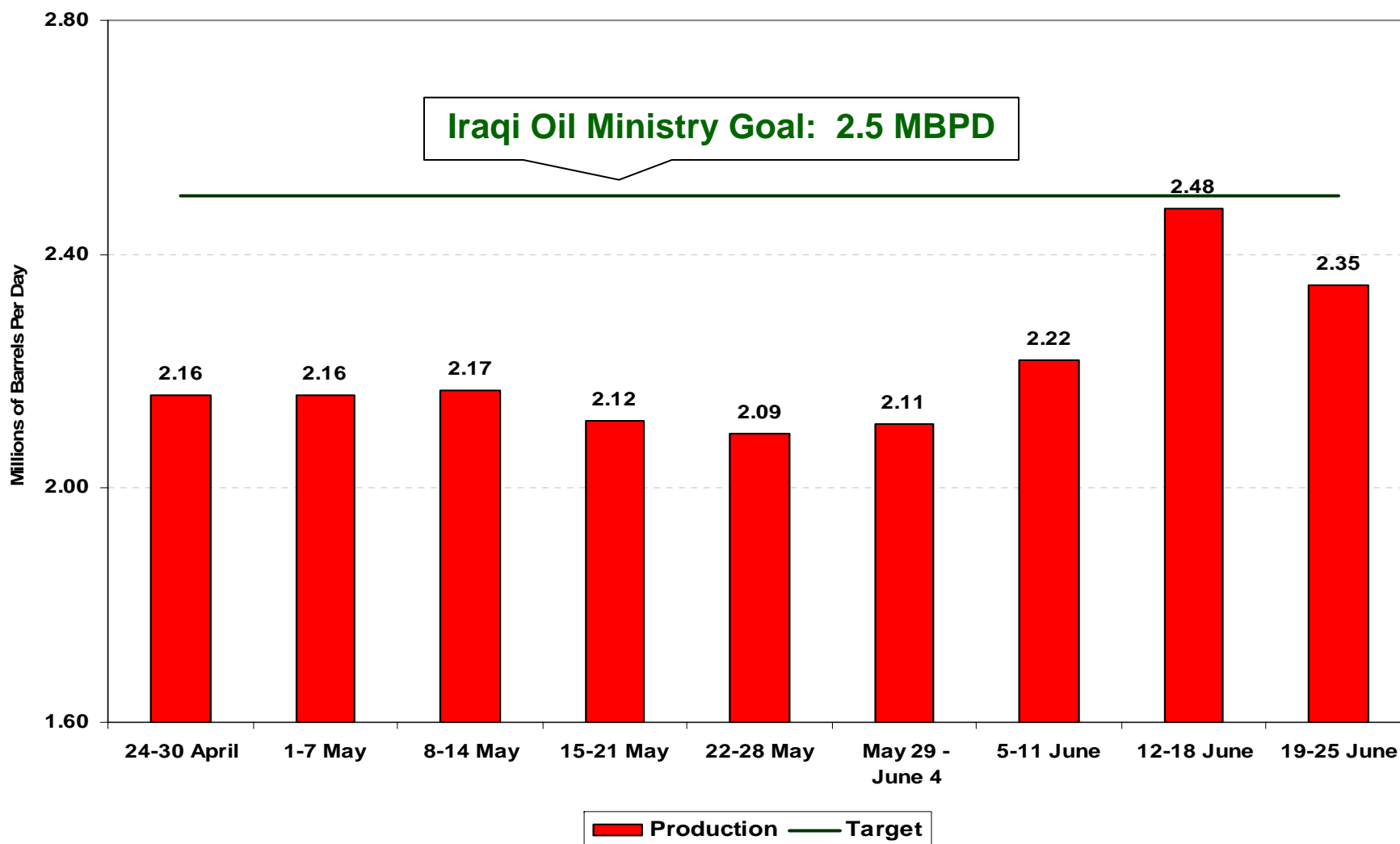
- Agricultural production in the south-central region of Iraq is severely affected by inadequate drainage and high soil salinity. USAID's Agriculture Reconstruction and Development Initiative (ARDI) has been working with the Ministries of Agriculture and Water Resources to help reduce the problems of inadequate drainage and high soil salinity. Through four pilot areas of 100-500 hectares, ARDI is assisting with water management practices and improving farmers' agricultural production and incomes.

Fuel Price Increases:

- Price increases for diesel, kerosene, and LPG (propane) began to take effect in Baghdad and other areas the week of June 19, and are being extended countrywide. The Iraqi Government committed itself to bring fuel prices closer to regional prices as part of its IMF reform program.



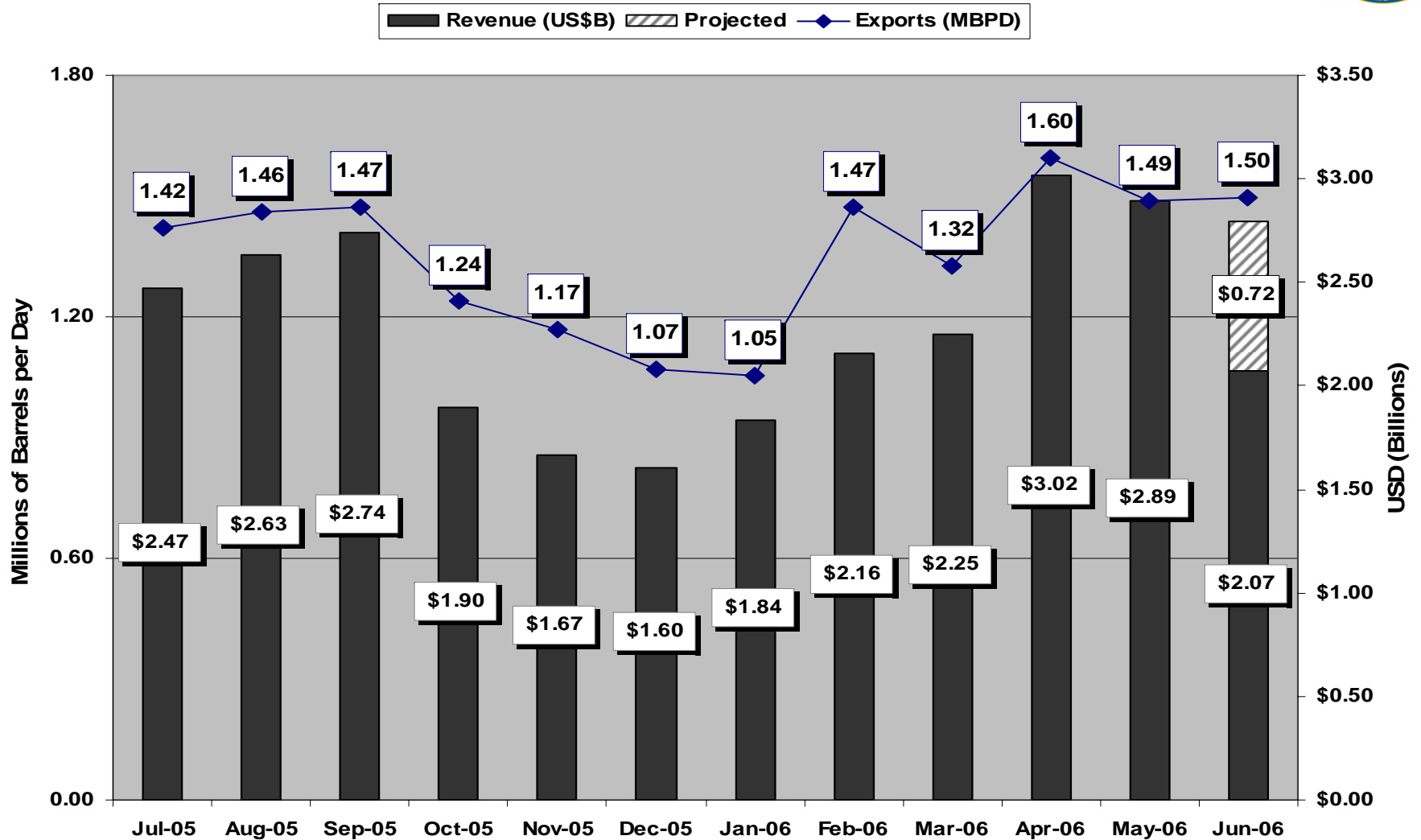
[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Crude Oil Production



- Weekly Average (June 19-25) of 2.35 Million Barrels Per Day (MBPD)



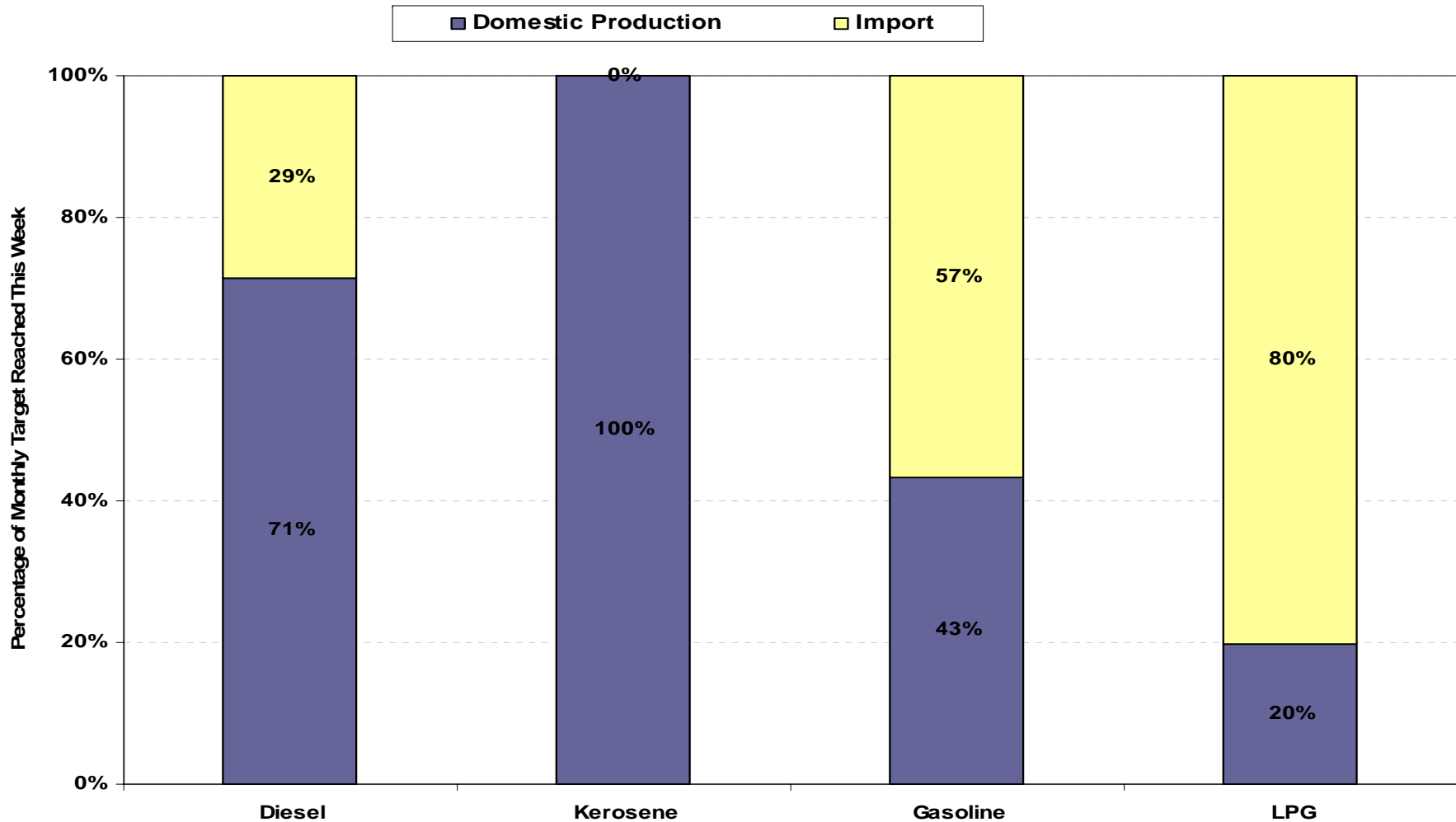
[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Crude Oil Export



- 2005 Revenue Estimate: \$23.5 Billion
- 2006 Revenue Estimate: \$14.2 Billion (Year to Date)



[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Total Critical Refined Product Supplies

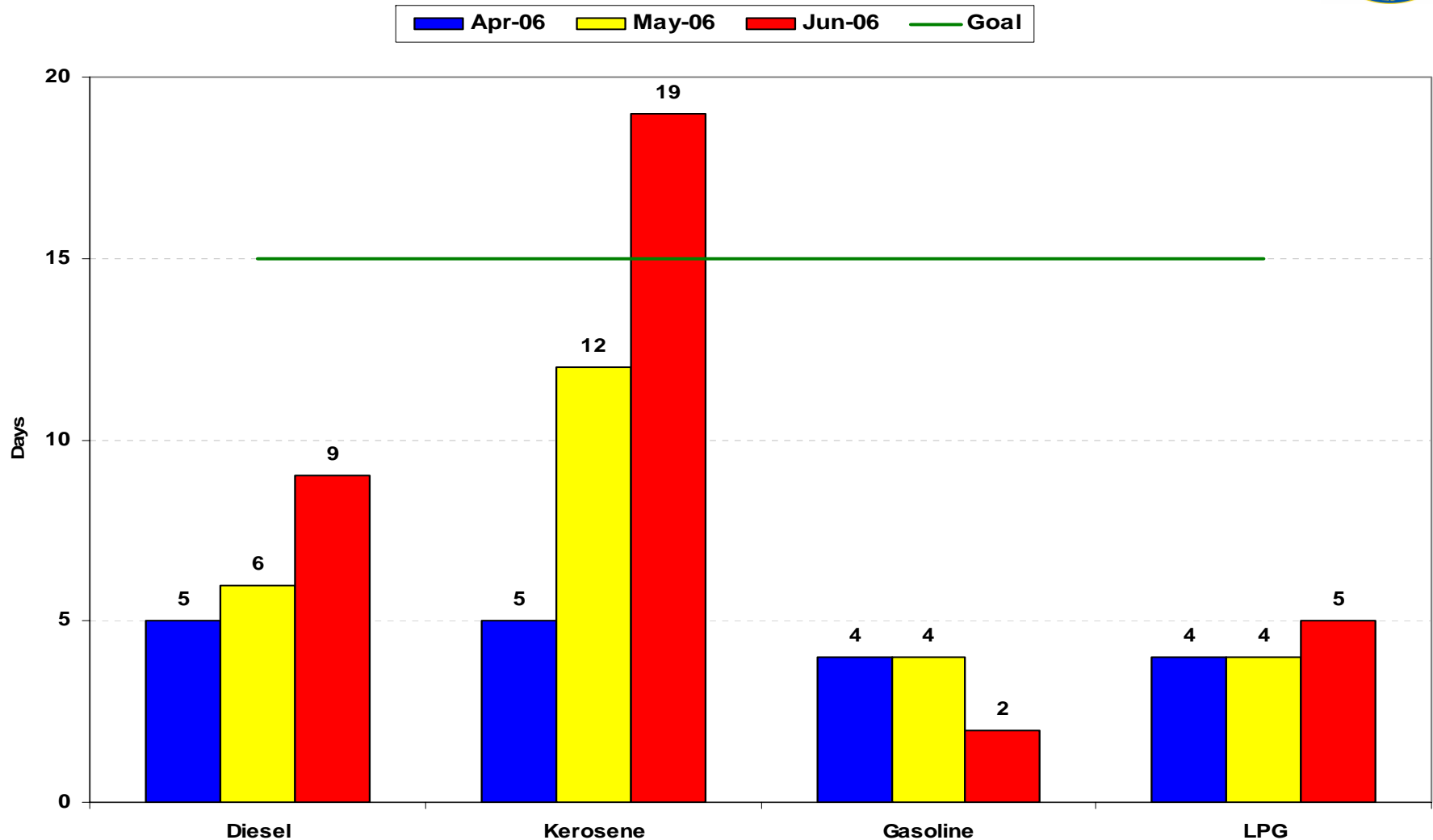


Note: This is a daily average for the week of June 19-25

- Diesel: 15.4 ML supply of 20.0 ML target
- Kerosene: 4.5 ML supply of 5.5 ML target
- Gasoline: 18.2 ML supply of 20.5 ML target
- LPG: 2,956 tons supply of 4,500 tons target



[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – National Stock Levels



- The goal is to have on hand 15 days supply of all refined products, calculated on the basis of maximum consumption over the year and not adjusted for seasonal variation. The numbers given above are monthly averages.



[6.] Help Iraq Strengthen the Rule of Law and Promote Civil Rights— Iraqi Judicial System

Saddam Ends Hunger Strike After Missing One Meal:

- Saddam Hussein ended a brief hunger strike after missing one meal, a US military spokesman said June 23. The former Iraqi leader had refused lunch June 22 in protest of the killing of one of his lawyers by gunmen, but the spokesman said he ate his evening meal. Former Saddam aides being held in the same prison had refused to eat three meals since the evening of June 21 but ended their fast with the ex-president. "They all took their dinner meal," the spokesman told Reuters. Saddam is on trial for crimes against humanity for his role in the 1982 killing of 148 Shiites in Dujail. His lead counsel, Khalil al Dulaimi, has blamed pro-government Shiite militias for the murder of his deputy, Khamis al Obaidi June 21.

Mass Graves Searched For Second Saddam Trial:

- Forensic experts unearthing the skeletons of Saddam Hussein's alleged victims have found an unexpected wealth of identification cards in mass graves, investigators said June 26. As the ousted leader's first trial winds down, the investigators say the discovery of the ID cards has been a pivotal development in a new case against Saddam - the 1980s military campaign that killed an estimated 100,000 Kurds. The IDs showed that the bodies are those of Kurds and gave the investigators other crucial information such as the alleged victims' hometowns, where follow-up interviews could be conducted with survivors, they said. Iraq's High Tribunal is preparing for a second trial charging Saddam with genocide in a 1980s military campaign against the Kurds. An estimated 100,000 people were killed in the campaign, known as "Anfal." Saddam has remained defiant, and chief defense lawyer Khalil al Dulaimi indicated his client believes he can bargain his way out of another trial that could result in his being sentenced to death.



[7.] Increase International Support for Iraq – **Developments**

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President Bush Tasks Cabinet to Support Iraq on the International Compact:

- President Bush designated Deputy Secretary of the Treasury Robert Kimmitt to lead the effort to encourage international donors to fulfill the monetary pledges they have made to Iraq, in addition to helping Prime Minister Maliki in his efforts to create a new international compact. Deputy Secretary Kimmitt will be supported by State Department Counselor Philip Zelikow and other senior US government officials. They are traveling to Iraq for consultations, and will travel to Europe, Asia and the Middle East if necessary to build support for the compact.

Iraqi Vice President Meeting with French Foreign Minister (FM) Douste-Blazy:

- Iraqi Vice President Abd al Mahdi met French FM Douste-Blazy in Paris June 26. It was the first high-level meeting between French and Iraqi officials since Iraq's new government was sworn in last month. In a press conference following the meeting, Mahdi called on France to expand diplomatic and economic ties with Iraq. He also thanked France for its action on forgiving debt, and urged the Government of France to help with Iraqi rebuilding efforts.



[7.] Increase International Support for Iraq – **Developments**

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UN Pledges Support for Iraq and the National Reconciliation Plan:

- UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan agreed June 23 to help Iraq obtain political and financial support in response to a request by Prime Minister Nuri al Maliki and President Bush, the UN said. UN Special Representative Ashraf Qazi also pledged support for Maliki's initiative to seek national reconciliation as a means to slow the growing sectarian divide and reduce the influence of ethnic militias stating, that the "United Nations stands by to place the necessary means and resources at its disposal, to facilitate and assist in the implementation of the issues outlined in the reconciliation project of the prime minister, in accordance with its mandate."

Denmark Dedicates Fixed-Winged Aircraft for UN Operations in Iraq:

- Denmark announced that it will provide a dedicated fixed-winged aircraft for UN operations in Iraq. The Government of Japan has also offered to provide airlift support.



[7.] Increase International Support for Iraq – Contributors to Iraqi Stability Operations

Data as of June 26, 2006

28 Countries with forces in Iraq (in addition to US)

Albania	El Salvador	Lithuania	Romania
Armenia	Estonia	Macedonia	Singapore
Australia	Georgia	Moldova	Slovakia
Azerbaijan	Italy	Mongolia	South Korea
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Japan	Netherlands	Ukraine
Bulgaria	Kazakhstan	Poland	UK
Czech Republic	Latvia	Portugal	
Denmark			

TOTAL ~ 19,000 Forces

*Note: Fiji participating as a part of the UN mission in Iraq.

34 Countries and NATO*
(including US)
Support Iraqi Stability Operations

*34 includes the 28 countries listed above, the US, Fiji, and as four NATO, non-MNF-I countries: Hungary, Iceland, Slovenia, Turkey



[8.] Strengthen Public Understanding of Coalition Efforts and Public Isolation of the Insurgents – **Developments**

Strategic Communications:

- Speaking in a press conference June 25 to address the National Reconciliation and Dialogue Project, US Ambassador to Iraq Zalmay Khalilzad congratulated Prime Minister Maliki on the reconciliation plan, pledging US support, and said that the reconciliation initiative had the support of “all of Iraq’s major communities.” He also said that “now that Iraq has a democratically elected permanent government in place, the time has come for unity and reconciliation, for Iraqis to mend their nation’s wounds. The National Reconciliation and Dialogue Project unveiled [June 25] by Prime Minister Nuri al Maliki is a positive step in this vital effort” and that “the time has come for Iraqis to resolve their disputes through the political process and the rule of law rather than at the point of a gun.”



[8.] Strengthen Public Understanding of Coalition Efforts and Public Isolation of the Insurgents – **Developments**

Strategic Communications:

- In a video aired on Al Jazeera June 23, Ayman al Zawahri – al Qaida's number two leader – paid tribute to Abu Musab al Zarqawi, marking the first time al Qaida's central leadership acknowledged his death. In possible efforts to create a tribute to Zarqawi, the video displayed distinct differences from videos normally aired showing Zawahri. The background of the video showed a background of blacks and dark reds, rather than the usual plain background. A smiling picture of Zarqawi was also shown and only a glimpse of his rifle could be seen in a far corner of the video.



Special Addendum: Provincial Reconstruction Teams (PRT)

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PRT Mission Statement:

- To assist Iraq's provincial governments with developing a transparent and sustained capability to govern, promoting increased security and rule of law, promoting political and economic development, and providing provincial administration necessary to meet the basic needs of the population.

Provincial Reconstruction Team Concept:

- The PRT concept was developed to improve on Regional Embassy Office (REO) and Provincial Support Team (PST) programs. The PRTs are a civil-military operation led by the civilians with extensive support from US and Coalition Forces. The PRTs are an integrated capacity-building effort built around Local Governance Program (LGP) and include support from other agencies to cover all key capacity development needs.

PRT Operations Status:

- PRTs have been established in Ninawa, Babil, Kirkuk, Baghdad, and Anbar provinces. The teams are comprised of representatives from the US Department of State, United States Agency for International Development, Multi-National Force – Iraq, Department of Justice, Gulf Regional Division of the Army Corps of Engineers, Multi-National Corps – Iraq and Coalition partners.

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